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Financial implications of the draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Working Group (TD/II/WG.III/L.11)

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. Paragraph 10(a) requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, in consultation with the Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations in charge of Economic and Social Affairs, to establish a group of experts to carry out a comprehensive examination of, and to report upon, the special problems of the land-locked developing countries. The work of experts is estimated to require 24 expert-weeks with travel and other expenses connected with their meetings in the total amount of $10,000.

2. Paragraph 10(a) further requires that special study should be made in this examination of the transport problems, outlining possible ways by which the adverse effects of higher transportation costs on the trade position, production costs and execution of economic development programmes of the land-locked developing countries might be minimized; the background material to be prepared for the examination by the group of experts shall draw fully upon the experience and competence in this field of other appropriate UN bodies, in particular the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the regional economic commissions; the report of this expert group should describe the experience so far gained in the solution of the above mentioned problems and outline further practical measures and procedures. The maritime and port component of the background material to be prepared for the examination by the group of experts will require 6 man-months work of a professional at P.4/P.5 level amounting to $10,000 plus travel of $3,000.

3. Paragraph 10(a) finally requests that the background material to be prepared should draw fully upon the experience and competence in this field of other appropriate bodies, in particular the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The above estimate does not include any additional expenditure in so far as it would be required by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.